





Family Readiness Group Assistant Program Update



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- **Program Transitions**
 - **Site Manager filled - Charlotte Watson,
531-6047**
 - **Warrior Brigade FRGA - Tammy Amburgey,
531-2837**

POC: Charlotte Watson, 531-6047



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- **Point of Contact Training**
 - **13 Mar, Mon, 0900-1200 at FRC**
 - **15 Mar, Wed, 1800-2000 at FRC**
 - ***18 Mar, Sat, 0900-1200 at FRC**
- **FRG Leadership Training**
 - **14 & 15 Mar, Tue & Wed, 0900-1430 at FRC**

RSVP to Steve Humphries, 531-9743



Fort Polk AFAP Issue Update



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- **101 Issues Submitted to Conference (19 & 20 Jan)**

CURRENT STANDINGS:

- **COMPLETED ISSUES - 19**
- **ACTIVE ISSUES - 18**
- **UNATTAINABLE ISSUES - 10**
- **NON-ISSUES - 50**
- **FORSCOM ISSUES - 4**



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Installation Issue Paper

2006 FORSCOM Army Family Action Plan Conference

Issue: Personnel Movement Housing/Lodging Allowance

Scope:

Soldier's Basic Allowance for Housing does not cover lodging expenses after the 10 days (TLE) expires. The lack of permanent housing causes extended stays in transient lodging. Soldiers who are forced to stay in lodging longer than the permitted 10 days, are paying excessive out of pocket expenses.

Recommendation:

Department of Defense Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Expense Committee revise Title 37 to adjust the transient lodging rate to match Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) after the 10 days Temporary Lodging Expense (TLE) expires.



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Issue: Tuition Assistance for Equivalent Degrees

Scope:

Enlisted Soldiers who hold a degree are currently not authorized tuition assistance to obtain an equivalent or lower degree IAW AR 621-5. Enabling Soldiers to obtain a second degree that pertains to their MOS will be invaluable to job performance especially where the Soldier is moved into a new MOS and career.

Recommendation:

Department of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, revise AR 621-5 to authorize full tuition assistance for a second degree (equivalent or lower level).



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Issue: Vehicle Registration Awareness Campaign

Scope:

Information regarding vehicle registration and tax laws differs from state to state and keeping up with the current information and the expenses is difficult for military service members and their families because of frequent moves. Service Members are commonly unaware of the impact of registering their vehicles in a given state and may incur significant registration fees. State registration of POVs can also have short and long term financial impact on such expenses as in-state college tuition, state income tax, and retirement benefits.

Recommendation:

Ceridian LifeWorks Services conduct a Military-Wide Awareness campaign, using the "Military One Source" resource, targeting the entire military and their families. The campaign will contain information regarding vehicle registration and tax laws from each state and maintain current information and expenses.



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Issue: Inadequate Dental Coverage for Military Family Members

Scope:

The Active Duty Family Member Dental Plan, now called the TRICARE Dental Program, is too costly due to large co-payments. These large co-payments place unnecessary financial hardship on military families who are already making monthly payments for dental insurance.

Recommendation:

U.S. Department of Defense Military Health System increase the amount of dental insurance coverage provided by the TRICARE Dental Program to military families.

POC: Jane Bresko, 531-



Fort Polk School Liaison Office Education Update



Education Calendar Update

- **Parent 2 Parent (P2P)**
Information and applications available online at www.MilitaryChild.org.
POC: Stacye Parry at www.Stacye.Parry@militarychild.org or call (254) 953-1923
Six month contract \$4700
Open to military spouses, military retirees and civilian members knowledgeable in how to access local military, school and community resources and how to organize and conduct parent workshops
- **State Testing** **20-24 MAR**
- **Parent/Teacher Conference Day** **31 MAR**
- **VPSB Meeting at Education Center** **6 APR**
- **Spring Break**
Vernon **14-21 APR**
Beauregard **10-14 APR**
- **Last Day of School**
Vernon **25 May**
Beauregard **26 May**



BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS (BOSS) PROGRAM



Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

Upcoming Events

- **07 Mar - Ice Cream Social @ Marble Slab**
- **08 Mar - Karaoke**
- **10 Mar - Disco Party @ Sports America**
- **15 Mar - Board Competition**
- **17 Mar - Skydiving @ Spaceland (Houston, TX)** **Military ID required**
- **29 - 31 Mar - Basketball Tourney**



Directorate of Public Works Update



Public Works

- **Warrior Community Center Ballroom Renovation, 11 Jan - 25 Mar**
- **ACP Signage Improvements - On or About 15 Mar**
- **Roof Repair - FRC, CID, CYS, and Shoppette**
- **Road Repairs: Culvert Repair, Intersection of Mississippi & Bell Richard**

POC: Paul Cramer, 531-



Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Update



DMWR UPCOMING EVENTS

- **AER Campaign** **1**
Mar - 15 May
- **YS Spring Volleyball (8-14 Years)** **2**
Mar - 4 May
- **MWR Entertainment Presentation, "The Stanway Case"**
(Showboat) **11**
Mar
- **Dinner Theater**
17 Mar
(Cocktails 1800, Dinner 1830, Show 1930) **25**
23 Mar
- Mar**



DMWR UPCOMING EVENTS

- **South Fort 50M Pool Bubble Removal** **13**
Mar - 10 Apr
- **Lanes to Links**
18 Mar
(Stars & Strikes / Warrior Hills Golf, 1300)
- **WHGC Assoc Putting & Chipping Tourn #4**
18 Mar
(Warrior Hills, 0900)
- **Skeet Shoot (Shooting Complex, 1000-1400)**
18 Mar
- **Archery 3-D Walk-thru (Shooting Complex, 1000-1400)**
19 Mar
- **10k Run (Sports)**
22 Mar
- **ACS Accreditation Inspection**
27 - 31 Mar



DMWR UPCOMING EVENTS

- **British Soccer Camp Registration** **1**
Apr - 6 Aug
- **Youth Services Baseball** **1**
Apr - 27 May
 - Pitching Machine Baseball (Ages 7-8)**
 - Pitching Machine Girls Softball (Ages 7-8)**
 - Girls Softball (Ages 7-14)**
 - Baseball (Ages 9-14)**
 - T-Ball (Ages 5-6)**
- **Spring Pee Wee Soccer (Ages 3-4)** **1**
Apr - 20 May
- **Open House (Alligator Lake, 1000-1400)**
1 Apr
- **Family Day (Stars & Strikes, 1300)**
2 Apr
- **Archery 3-D Walk-Thru (Shooting Complex, 1000-1400)**
7 March 2006



MWR Passbook for Spouses of Deployed Soldiers

- **15% off CDC programs**
- **24/7 emergency care**
- **15% off Youth Services sports fees**
- **Special trips, camps, and events scheduled by CYS**
- **Free CYS Registration**
- **Parents of child(ren) registered with CYS are eligible for 16 hours of FREE "Parent Time" per month.**
- **Free general admission to announced recreational events**
- **Free golf and bowling clinics and discounted fees**
- **Free and discounted MWR recreational facility services**
- **Many other specials listed on the back of Passbook**
- ****Passbooks can be obtained at the FRC, Bldg 924****

SPOUSE MWR PassBOOK	
The undersigned spouse of a deployed Soldier will receive the benefits detailed on this card as a gesture of gratitude on behalf of the employees of Fort Polk's Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. Just show this PassBook and your ID to the attendant until February 1, 2007* for a world of great MWR offers...AND THANKS!	
OIF / OEF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Please circle appropriate conflict.	
*Renewable but not transferable.	
Spouse #: _____	



MWR Initiatives for Family Members of Deployed Soldiers

- **ACS will host free monthly game nights, for spouses of deployed Soldiers with free on-site childcare. Pre-registration for childcare required**
- **Family Life Consultants will provide intervention to adults and children to address issues related to deployment**
****For appointment call Cathy Scott - 531-1938****
- **A purple folder will be provided to each family which will contain information on classes, services, and activities offered through Fort Polk agencies. It will also include local, community, and state activities that will offer families of deployed Soldiers many “things to do”**
****Point of Contact is Steve Humphries - 531-9743****



AAFES Update



AAFES Update Upcoming Events

- **The Main Store will no longer check ID's
at the door, ID's will be checked at the
point of purchase**
- **As part of our continued effort to
improve
our facilities, AAFES will be updating
the Concession Stores in the Main Store
Mall area**



- **The Military Clothing Sales Store (MCSS) will be hosting a “Soldier Appreciation Expo” 15 - 17 Mar at the Mini Mall, Bldg 1455. Dozens of Vendor’s will be on hand to demonstrate products**



Fort Polk Commissary Update



Commissary

- **MARCH NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH**
10 & 24 Mar: BJACH Information Booth
- **1000 - 1300**



Picerne Military Housing Update



Palmetto Park

- **Foundation work is underway**
- **Phase II site work begins in March - 192 additional town homes**
- **Phase III civil design underway**





Program Update

- **Rain has delayed construction of the new recreation area on Holmlund. Work will begin this month**
 - **Michael Recreational Area begins mid-Mar**
 - **Moen Recreational Area begins Apr**
- **2006 Department of the Army Surveys will be mailed in Apr**

Upcoming Events

- **Ice Cream Social** **1100 - 1400**
18 Mar
- **Easter Egg Hunts** **1000**
1 Apr

POC: Mary Ann Clary, 537-5013



Directorate of Emergency Services Update



Director of Emergency Services

- **100% DBIDS scanning and enforcement at all ACPs has begun. May register at either Vehicle Registration at In/Out Processing or the Visitor's Center**
- **Installation Suspension/Revocation hours of operation are 1300-1530 Monday - Friday**
- **Continued patrol emphasis on speeding in the housing areas**
- **Encourage families that plan on leaving Post during a deployment and retaining quarters to register with the PMO Desk to place their quarters on housing check list**



Installation Safety Office Update



Safety

- **FOG Alert (Watch out Be careful)**
 - **Lights on**
 - **Watch out for pedestrians**
 - **Watch out for soldiers (unit runs, road marches, etc)**
- **Bicycle safety**
 - **Check your bicycle**
 - **Spokes tight**
 - **Chain tight and secure**
 - **Handle bars secure**
 - **Seat secure**
 - **Reflective markings**
 - **Wear an approved helmet**
 - **Ride with traffic and obey all posted laws**



Safety

- **Skateboards, Roller-skates, Rollerblades**
- **Personal Protective Equipment**
 - **Reflective material**
 - **Gloves**
 - **Approved helmet**
 - **Elbow pads**
 - **Knee Pads**
 - **Wrist Protection**
- **Approved Riding Areas - Currently Sidewalks only**
- **Prohibited Riding Areas**
 - **Parking Lots**
 - **Streets/Roads**



Staff Judge Advocate Update



OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE TAX CENTER, Bldg. 403, Radio Road

- **Tax Center Operations**
 - **When: 17 Jan - 17 Apr**
 - **Hours: Monday - Friday: 0900-1600**
Saturday: 0900-1200
 - **Appointments are recommended: Call - 531-1040**
 - **Walk-ins seen on a limited basis**
- **Necessary Documents for Tax Preparation**
 - **Social Security Card(s) (must bring with you for electronic filing. If you do not have your card, please visit the local Social Security Office to obtain a replacement.)**
 - **W2(s)**
 - **Picture ID**
 - **Documents to support deductions if itemizing**
 - **EFN# for child care deductions**
 - **Tax/General POA if filing without sponsor present**



**OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE
TAX CENTER, Bldg. 403, Radio Road**

AS OF 19 FEB 06

Total Refund Amount:

**\$2,401,236
.00**

Value of Services:

\$182,137.00

FOOTC (P) James Herring 134-



Installation Chaplain's Office Update



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Calendar of Events

- **Protestant**
 - 7 Mar - PWOC Testimony Tuesday**
 - 23 Mar - PWOC Evening Program**
- **Catholic**
 - 7 Mar - Catholic Family Night**
 - 17 Mar - Spanish Mass at MPC**
 - 18 Mar - First Eucharist/Penance Retreat**

**POC: CH (LTC) Charles E. Jackson, 531-
1628**



Medical Department Activity (MEDDAC) Update



Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital

- **National Nutrition Month**

- **10 and 24 Mar - at the Commissary (Includes Poison Prevention)**
- **Nutrition Care offer “Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture” on 22 Mar (Tickets sold starting 6 Mar)**
- **Nutrition Classes will be posted on MEDDAC Calendar & Guardian**

- **National Poison Prevention Week, 19-25 Mar**

- **Car Seat Awareness**

- **31 Mar, 1000-1400, Bldg 3504**
- **Checks proper installation of car seats**

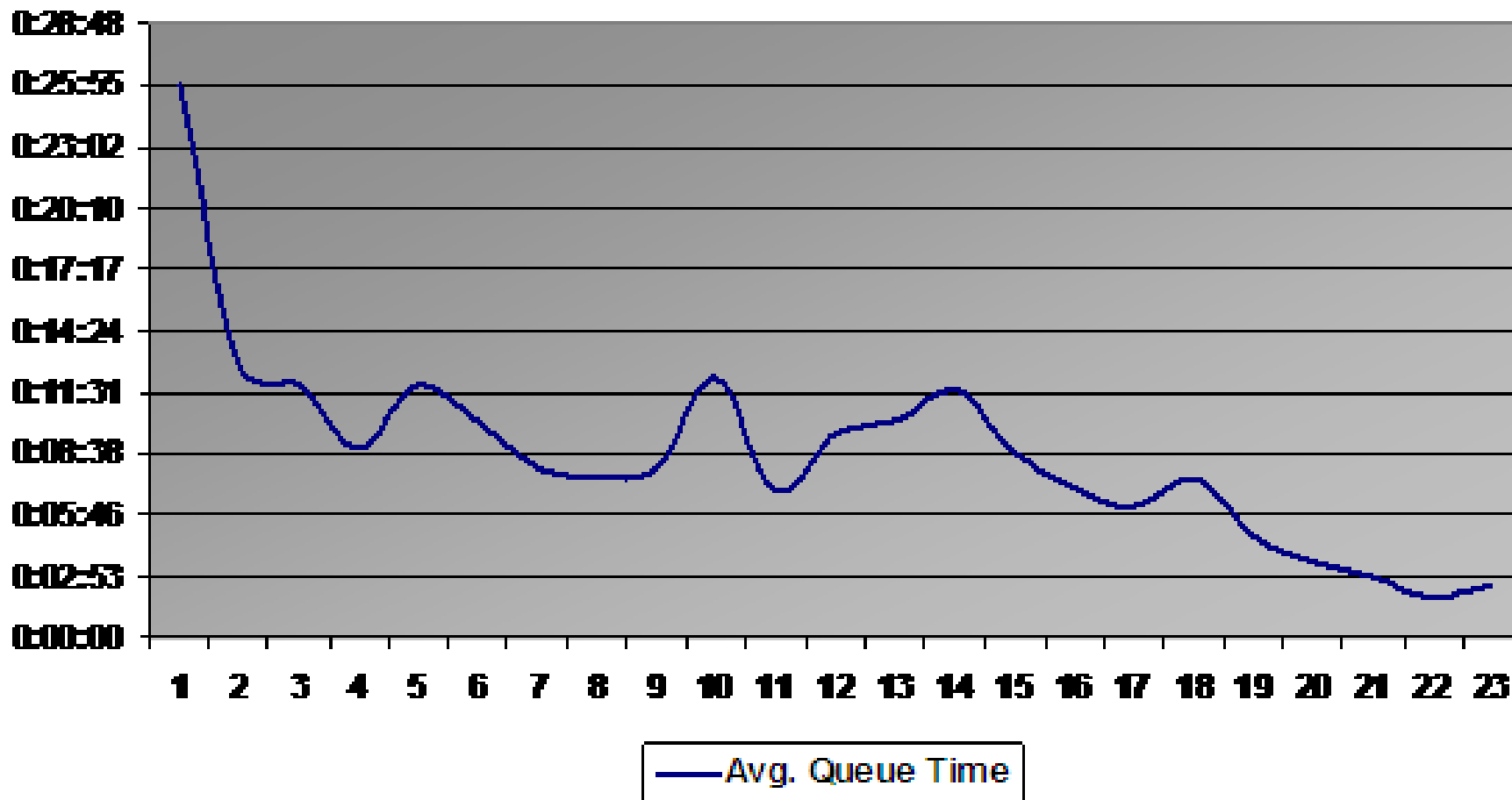


Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital

- **Microlog phone system (see chart)**
- **Pharmacy waiting times**
 - **Examining data on weekly basis and implementing changes to improve wait times**
- **LDRP Update**
 - **Expected to open in Apr 2006**



Avg. Queue Time





Dental Activity (DENTAC) Update



February 2006, National Children's Dental Health Month Update

- **Screening Checkups and Preventive Care Education and toothbrushes were given to all ages of the North and South Fort Schools and the Child Development Center**
- **Emphasis was on preventive and preservation dentistry**
 - **Mouth guards**
 - **Decay prevention**
- **Keeping your teeth for a lifetime**



Careers in Dentistry

- **Dental Lab Technology**
- **Dental Assisting**
- **Dental Hygiene**
- **Visit the website of the American Dental Association @ www.ada.org**



Warrior Brigade Update



Family Readiness Groups

- **HSC/A Co FRG Meeting 09 Mar at FRC**
- **83rd CM BN Steering Committee Meeting 06 Apr at BN HQ**
 - **HHD FRG Meeting 21 Apr**
- **115th CSH Steering Committee Meeting 10 Mar at BN HQ**



Family Readiness Groups

- **142nd CSB Steering Committee Meeting 14 Mar at the FRC**
 - **HHD FRG Meeting 21 Mar at Kountry Bumpkin in Leesville**
- **519th MP BN Steering Committee Meeting 9 Mar at the BN HQ**
 - **204th FRG Meeting 8 Mar at FRC**
 - **258th FRG Meeting 14 Mar at FRC**
 - **HHD FRG Meeting 16 Mar at FRC**



Operations Group Update



Rotation 06-05, 1/75 Ranger Bn. & 2-30 IN, 4th BCT 10th Mountain

- **Dates: 12 - 17 Mar**
- **Increased vehicle and air traffic**
- **All access control points will remain open**



Rotation 06-06, 3rd BCT 82nd ABN

- **Dates:**
 - **Entry and STX 5 - 13 Apr**
 - **Live Fires at Peason Ridge: 16 - 21 Apr**
 - **Force on Force: 16 - 22 Apr**
- **Increased vehicle and air traffic**
- **All access control points will remain open**



4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light) Update



4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division Upcoming Events

- **Fire Support Coordination Exercise at Peason Ridge from 27 Feb - 9 Mar**
- **Approximate 1100 Soldiers from TF Warrior will deploy in early Mar**
- **2-30 Infantry Battalion, B/3-89 Cavalry Squadron, 2/A/4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, and F/94th Brigade Support Battalion will participate in JRTC Rotation from 14-19 Mar**
- **3-89 Cavalry Squadron(-) participates in a NTC rotation from 24 Mar-14 Apr at Fort Irwin, CA. 2-30 and other BCT elements will provide O/C augmentation**



Family Readiness Group Activities

- **2-4 Infantry Battalion**
 - **Steering Committee Meeting 20 Mar at 1800 in the Battalion Conference Room**
 - **HHC FRG Meeting 16 Mar at 1800 in the ACS**
 - **C Co FRG Meeting 28 Mar at 1830 in the FRC**
- **2-30 Infantry Battalion**
 - **Steering Committee Meeting 08 Mar at 1830 in the Battalion Conference Room**
 - **HHC FRG Meeting 14 Mar 1830 at a location TBD**
 - **A Co FRG Meeting 22 Mar 1800 at a location TBD**
 - **C Co FRG Meeting 14 Mar 1830 at a location TBD**
 - **D Co FRG Meeting 9 Mar 1800 at a location TBD**



- **3-89 Calvary Squadron**
 - **Steering Committee Meeting 08 Mar at 1200 in the Squadron Conference Room**
 - **HHT FRG Meeting 13 Mar 1830 Squadron Conference Room**
 - **A Troop FRG Meeting 14 Mar 1800 Squadron Conference Room**

- **5-25 FA**
 - **Steering Committee Meeting 10 Mar 1000 in the Battalion Conference Room**
 - **HHB FRG Meeting 14 Mar 1830 in the Battalion Conference Room**
 - **Alpha FRG Meeting 24 Mar 1830 in the Battalion Conference Room**
 - **Bravo FRG Meeting 16 Mar 1830 in the Battalion Conference Room**



- **94th Brigade Support Battalion**
 - **Steering Committee Meeting 09 Mar 1800 in the FRC**
 - **A Co FRG Meeting 15 Mar at 1800 in the FRC**
 - **B Co FRG Meeting 15 Mar at 1700 Bowling Center**
 - **G Co FRG Meeting 18 Mar at 1400 Bowling Center**
- **4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion**
 - **Steering Committee Meeting 14 Mar 1230 in the FRC**
 - **C Co FRG Meeting 3 Mar 1800 at a location TBD**
 - **A Co FRG Meeting 13 Mar 1800 in the FRC**





Audience Open Session





Garrison Commander's Update



- **Franchise Restaurant**
- **17 % of Golf Cart Paths Completed**
- **OSC Casino Night, 31 Mar, Warrior Community Center**
- **Skateboard Park**





Methods of Submitting a CAC Issue

INTERNET

**Access the Fort Polk Web Page
www.JRTC-Polk.Army.Mil
Click on CAC Issue Forms**

EMAIL

CAC@Polk.Army.Mil

PHONE

531-CAC1



**CLC, 8 Mar, 0930 at
Army Community Service, Building 920**

**Next CAC will be conducted at 0900 on 4
Apr
at Warrior Community Center**